Reduction in reserved percentage of jute bags for packing foodgrains

2196. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would agree to withdraw its order dated 16th April, 2004, which has reduced reservation percentage for compulsory use of jute bags for packing foodgrains;

(b) if so, the time-frame proposed therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Order dated 16th April, 2004 bearing No. S.O. 506(E) was issued under the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 for a limited period *i.e.* upto 30th June, 2004.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Investment in Textiles Sector

2197. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the next five years India will be able to attract investments to the tune of Rs. 60,000 crores and create one million jobs in the Textile industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that to tackle the infrastructure needs of the industry the Government had sanctioned 11 proposal for setting up Apparel Parks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) It is the perception of Industry and Export Promotion Councils that, by 2010, there will be an investment of Rs. 1,40,000 crores in the textile sector to modernise the existing capacity and create fresh capacities, both, resulting in the creation of 12 million new jobs, increasing India's share in world trade to 8% and raising export value to $ 50 billion.

(c) and (d) Under the Apparel Park Scheme, a total of twelve projects have been cleared till now in different States. Projects have been sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh (*Tronica city & Kanpur),* Tamil Nadu (*Kancheepuram &*

Tirupur), Kerala (*Thiruvanathapuram)*, Andhra Pradesh (*Visakhapatanam)*, Karnataka (*Bangalore)*, Gujarat (*Surat)*, Punjab (*Ludhiana)*, Madhya Pradesh (*SEZ, Indore)*, Rajasthan (*Mahal-Jaipur)* and Maharashtra (*Butibori)*.

Unproductive mills of NJMC

2198. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six mills under National Jute Manufactures Corporation (NJMC) are not doing any production although 14,700 workers are on their strength;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to diversify products to make the mills viable?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir. The six mills of National Jute Manufactures Corporation (NJMC) Ltd. have ceased production of jute goods from various dates as stated below:

Alexandara	01.09.2002
National	17.02.2002
Union	11.03.2003
Khardah	26.03.2004
Kinnison	26.03.2004
R.B.H.M. (Bihar)	30.03.2004

As on date, there are 13,942 employees on the rolls of the NJMC Ltd.

(b) The stoppage of production of jute goods in the NJMC mills is on account of lack of working capital, and huge accumulated losses and negative networth resulting in refusal by Financial Institutions to extend cash credit limits to the NJMC.

The NJMC Ltd. was referred to the BIFR in 1992 and the BIFR *vide* its order dated 8.7.2004 has ordered its winding up and has referred the matter to the Calcutta High Court for appointment of a liquidator.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.